

Ehrenb. from Rajasthan. It is known so far from the Khara bet of Gujarat (Pandey 2002). The specimens have been deposited in the Herbarium, Department of Botany, Govt. Dungar College, Bikaner (Raj.). The identification of the species is based on Pandey (2002).

Tamarix passerinoides Delile ex Desv. var. *macrocarpa* Ehrenb. in *Linnaea* 2: 276. 1827; Qaiser in Nasir & Ali, *Fl. W. Pakistan* 141: 40. 1982. *Tamarix macrocarpa* (Ehrenb.) Bunge, *Tent.* 79. 1852.

Shrubs 0.75-2.0 m high; younger parts densely papillose. Leaves amplexicaul to semiamplexicaul, broadly ovate, ovate-lanceolate, acute to acuminate at apex, deflexed, glandular-punctate. Racemes mostly aestival, simple or rarely compound; rachis papillose; bracts leafy, entire to subentire. Flowers pink to purplish-pink. Sepals 5, each 1.5-2.25 x 1.0-1.5 mm, ovate to trullate-ovate, denticulate, subequal, outer two smaller

and more acute than three inner ones. Petals 5, each 3.0-4.5 x 1.5-2.0 mm, obovate to obovate-elliptic. Stamens usually 10, rarely 7-9; filaments alternately long and short, longer filaments 2.5-7.0 mm long, shorter ones 2.0-2.5 mm long. Capsules 10.0-12.0 x 3-5 mm, pinkish-purple. Seeds 0.5-0.7 mm long.

Fairly common in saline habitats.

Specimen Examined: Near Lake Sambhar, Nava, Nagaur. Sharma & Aggarwal, DCH 157.

Fl. & Fr.: October-March.

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22. *ACACIA SALIGNA* (LABILL.) WENDL. (MIMOSACEAE) – A NEW RECORD FOR RAJASTHAN¹

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During a local plant collection visit to Bikaner district, Rajasthan, we collected *Acacia saligna* (Labill.) Wendl. from near Jaipur road, Bikaner. A perusal of literature shows that this species has not been reported from Rajasthan.

This paper records for the first time the occurrence of *Acacia saligna* (Labill.) Wendl. from Rajasthan. The specimens of *Acacia saligna* (Labill.) Wendl., collected from near Jaipur road, Bikaner, have been housed in the Herbarium, Department of Botany, Govt. Dungar College, Bikaner, Rajasthan.

The identification of the species is based on the Flora of West Pakistan Vol. 36: 1-41, S.I. Ali (1973).

Acacia saligna (Labill.) Wendl., *Comm. Acac. Aphyll.*: 26.1820. (Fig. 1). *Mimosa saligna* Labill., *Pl. Nov. Holl.* 2:86.t.235.1806.

A tall shrub, phyllode with a prominent midrib, straight or curved, 12-16 cm long, c. 7-12 mm broad, tip blunt. Inflorescence pedunculate, heads, arranged



Fig. 1: A. Flowering twig, B. Pod, C & D Flower

in racemose fashion in the axil of phyllodes. Fruits, c. 11-13 cm long, c. 5-6 mm wide, slightly constricted between the seeds, grayish-brown in colour. Seeds black.

Fl. & Fr.: May-August.

Specimens Examined: Near Jaipur road, Bikaner.

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23. ENUMERATION OF SPECIES OF THE GENUS *CORNOPTERIS* NAKAI (ATHYRIACEAE: PTERIDOPHYTA) IN INDIA¹

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Cornopteris Nakai (Athyriaceae) is a small Asian genus consisting of nine species (Kato 1979), of which four species, namely *C. banajaoensis* (C.Chr.) K. Iwats. & Price, *C. birii* Ching ex Bir, *C. opaca* (D. Don) Tag. and *C. quadripinnatifida* M. Kato were recorded from the east Himalaya (Darjeeling, Sikkim and Arunachal Pradesh) and north-east India (Assam, Meghalaya, Nagaland, Manipur, Tripura). But recently, Fraser-Jenkins (1997) discovered that the description of *C. birii* was based on only one specimen, the type specimen collected by Prof. S.S. Bir from Lachen (north Sikkim), and that it was an immature specimen of *C. decurrentialata* (Hook.) Nakai, and placed it as a synonym of *C. decurrentialata*. However, recently published enumerations of ferns of India, record a varying number of species (Dixit 1984; Chandra 2000), while Vasudeva *et al.* (1990) make no reference of the genus *Cornopteris* in north-east India.

In this paper, an attempt has been made to enumerate the species of *Cornopteris* in India with complete references of synonyms, and distribution in India and the world, along with a note on doubtful records from India to avoid confusion. They are as follows:

1. Fronds bipinnatifid to tripinnatifid:
 - Rhizome creeping; pinnule segments entire or denticulate-serrulate *C. decurrentialata*
 - Rhizome ascending to erect; pinnule segments entire or shallowly lobed *C. opaca*
2. Fronds tripinnatifid to quadripinnatifid:
 - Apex of pinnule segments almost entire or crenate *C. banajaoensis*
 - Apex of pinnule segments sharply serrate *C. quadripinnatifida*

1. *Cornopteris banajaoensis* (C.Chr.) K. Iwats. & Price, Southeast Asian Studies 14: 564 (1977); Kato, Acta Phytotax.

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Dryopteris banajaoensis C.Chr., Index Fil. Suppl. 1: 30 (1913).

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Distribution: INDIA: Sikkim; E. Nepal; S.W. China; Philippines; Taiwan; S. Japan; Papua; New Guinea.

2. *Cornopteris decurrentialata* (Hook.) Nakai, Bot. Mag Tokyo 44: 8(1930); Fraser-Jenkins, New Sp. Syndr. Indian Pterid. & Ferns India: 93 (1997); Chandra, Ferns India: 143 (2000).

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